

Homeless and Special Needs Housing 2018-19 VHSP and HOPWA Implementation Webinars

Monday, July 9 at 1 pm &

Tuesday, July 10 at 10 am



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HSNH

Homeless and Special Needs Housing (HSNH) administers a continuum of state- and federally-funded homeless service programs to address housing and stabilization services for individuals and families at-risk of or experiencing homelessness in the commonwealth.





HSNH administers three grant programs:

- Virginia Homeless Solutions Program (VHSP)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS/HIV (HOPWA)
- Housing Trust Fund Homeless Reduction Grants (application released late 2018)



HSNH Funding

Funding Sources					
Name	Source	Amount			
Virginia Homeless Solutions Program	82% State General Funds 18% Emergency Solutions Grant - HUD	\$15,323,277			
Housing Opportunities for Person with AIDS/HIV (HOPWA)	Federal – HUD	\$962,389			
Housing Trust Fund	State General Funds	\$1,100,000 (approximate)			
	TOTAL	\$17,385,666			



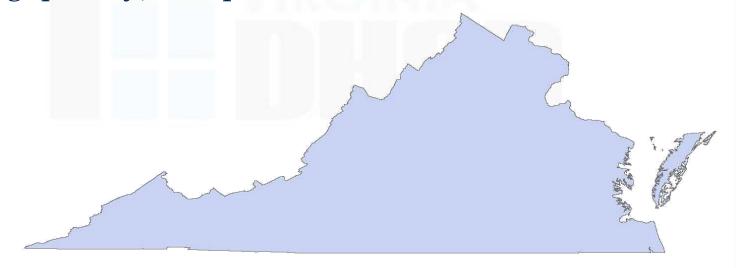
Emergency CrisisResponse System

An effective crisis response system is able to identify and quickly connect people who are experiencing or are at risk of experiencing homelessness to housing assistance and other services. It works because it aligns a community, its programs, and services around one common goal – to make homelessness rare, brief, and nonrecurring.



Emergency CrisisResponse System

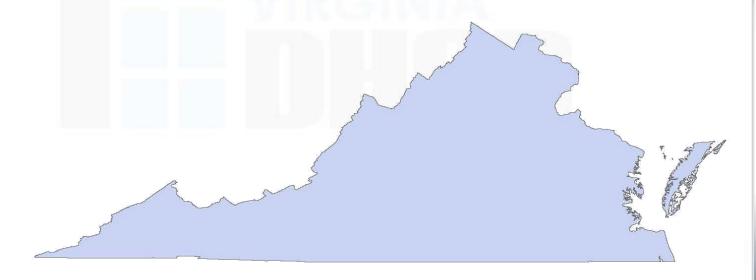
The goals of an effective crisis response system are to identify those experiencing homelessness, prevent homelessness when possible, connect people with housing quickly, and provide services when needed.





Role of the CoC/LPG

The role of the CoC/LPG is to promote a community-wide goal of ending homelessness, provide funding for efforts to rehouse those who are homeless, promote access to mainstream programs, and optimize housing stabilization.





Responsibilities of the CoC/LPG

The responsibilities of the CoC/LPG include governance and structure, system coordination and planning, designating and operating the HMIS, and designing a coordinated entry system.





Virginia Homeless Solutions Program

The goals of VHSP are to assist households experiencing homelessness to quickly regain stability in permanent housing and to prevent households from becoming homeless. These activities are designed to reduce the overall length of homelessness in the community, the number of households becoming homeless, and the overall rate of formerly homeless households returning to homelessness.



VHSP Eligible Activities

- Outreach (to unsheltered homeless individuals/families)
- Centralized or Coordinated Assessment/Entry System
- Targeted Prevention
- Emergency Shelter Operations
- Rapid Re-housing (this includes the set aside for veterans)
- CoC Planning
- HMIS
- Administrative Costs



Proof of Diversion

All providers must engage households seeking homeless assistance in a problem-solving conversation to address the household's current housing crisis. This should include a discussion of alternative resources available to the household, linkages to mainstream and natural supports, and light-touch assistance.

- Case notes or a form need to be present clearly documenting all attempts to divert the individual or family from homelessness.
- Each CoC/LPG needs to ensure that each partner receives the attempted diversion documentation when individuals/families enter shelter



Program Participant Eligibility

Program Participant Initial Eligibility by Activity Type*				
Eligible Activity	Program Participant Eligibility			
Shelter	 Literally homeless At imminent risk of homelessness Individuals exiting institution (where the resided temporarily) with no resources or anywhere to go. 			
Rapid Re-housing	 Literally homeless (shelter residents, living in other situations not meant for human habitation); or Individuals who were literally homeless prior to entering an institution (where they resided temporarily – 90 days or less) and are exiting the institution with no resources or anywhere to go; AND No other resources 			
Prevention	 At imminent risk of homelessness; AND Household income below 30 percent AMI; AND No other resources 			



Housing Focused Case Management

Clients must receive housing focused case management at least one time per month

Documentation of case management must be in the client file

This case management includes but is not limited to:

- Conducting assessments
- Facilitating access to mainstream resources
- Monitoring and evaluating program participant progress
- Developing and following up on individualized housing and service plans
- Coordinating with and referring to other providers



Voluntary Support Services

While case management is required at least monthly, supportive services may not be required of program participants.



Fair Market Rent and Rent Reasonableness Requirement

When households are moved into a new unit or stabilized into an existing unit. The rent must meet two standards.

- Rent Reasonableness rent is equal to or less than other like units in the area
- Fair Market Rent (FMR) rent (including utilities) is at or below the HUD established FMR for the unit size in the area



Equal Access and Prohibited Inquiries

All activities must be made available without regard to actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity or marital status. Grantees are prohibited from inquiring about an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity for the purpose of determining eligibility.



The Definition of 'family'

Equal Access to Housing in HUD ProgramsRegardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity

Family includes, but is not limited to, regardless of marital status, actual or perceived sexual orientation, or gender identity, any group of persons presenting for assistance together with or without children and irrespective of age, relationship, or whether or not a member of the household has a disability. A child who is temporarily away from the home because of placement in foster care is considered a member of the family.

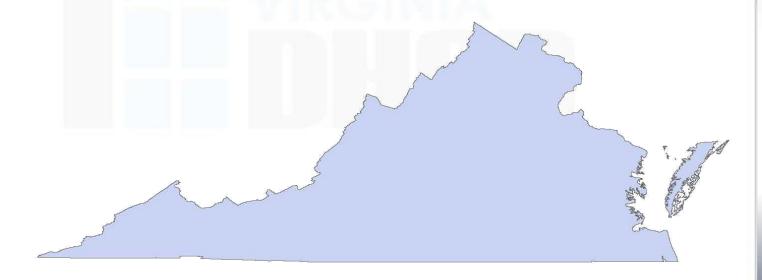
https://www.hudexchange.info/faqs/1529/how-is-the-definition-of-family-that-was-included



Prohibition Against Involuntary Family Separation

The age of a minor child must not be used to deny any family's admission to an emergency shelter.

The family unit must be accepted and sheltered as they present.





Quarterly Conversations

Topics of discussion:

How is the CoC/LPG using data to make decisions

Expenditure rates

Community trends

Funding



Reports

- New reports Outreach and Coordinated Entry
- RRH Benchmarks and Metrics will be incorporated into the reports
- Grantee level reports will be due twice per year July 1 – December 31, 2018 due January 10, 2019 July 1 – June 30, 2019 due July 5, 2019

Homeless Outcomes Community Report

July 1 – June 30, 2019 due July 31, 2019 Submitted by the CoC/LPG lead agency



Coordinated Entry Reports

- Referred to emergency shelter/Safe Haven
- Referred to transitional housing
- Referred to rapid rehousing
- Referred to permanent supportive housing
- Referred to homelessness prevention
- Referred to street outreach
- Referred to other continuum project type
- Referred to a homelessness diversion program
- Unable to refer/accept within the continuum; ineligible for continuum projects
- Unable to refer/accept within the continuum; continuum services unavailable
- Referred to other community project (non-continuum)
- Applicant declined referral/acceptance
- Applicant terminated assessment prior to completion
- Other/specify



2018 Close Out

- Actual Match form

- Year End Reports due July 5, 2018

 Remittances for actual expenditures – Due July 10, 2018

- HOCR due July 31, 2018



2019 Start-up

The following items need to be uploaded into CAMS

- Habitability Standards Form for all shelters
- Proposed Match Document (lead agency)
- Agency financial statement/audit
- Signed grant agreement



Habitability Standards

DHCD VHSP Basic I	naultaulity Checklist			
Unit or Shelter Address			_	
(include street address, city and zip code)				
Grantee Name (if shelter) or			_	
Landlord/ Property-owner Contact Information				
(include name, company name, mailing address and phone number)				
		YES	N	
State and local codes. Unit is compliant with all applicable st	tate and local housing codes, licensing requirements,			
and any other requirements in the jurisdiction regarding the co	ndition of the structure and the operation of the			
housing or services.				
Structure and materials. The unit is structurally sound so as				
occupants and so as to protect the residents from the elements.				
1. Access. Where applicable, the shelter is accessible in accord				
a. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. 794) and				
b. The Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.) and imple: Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12131	menting regulations at 24 CFR part 100; and			
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<u>Space and security</u> . Each resident is afforded adequate space resident must be provided an acceptable place to sleep.	and security for themselves and their belongings. Each			
Interior air quality. Every room or space has natural or mecl	agnical ventilation. Unit is free of nollutants in the six	\vdash	\vdash	
at levels that threaten the health of residents.	name a variation. One is nee or pointants in the air			
Water supply. The water supply is free from contamination.		\vdash	⊢	
Sanitary facilities. Residents have access to sufficient sanitar	ry facilities that are in proper operating condition, may		Н	
be used in privacy, and are adequate for personal cleanliness ar				
Therm al environment. The unit has adequate heating and/or			Н	
Illumination and electricity. The unit has adequate natural	or artificial illumination to permit normal indoor		Н	
activities and to support the health and safety of residents. The				
essential electrical appliances while assuring safety from fire.				
Food preparation and refuse disposal. All food preparation	areas contain suitable space and equipment to store,			
prepare, and serve food in a sanitary manner.				
Sanitary condition. The unit and any equipment are maintai				
Fire safety. Each unit includes at least one battery-operated o				
condition, on each occupied level of the unit. Smoke detectors				
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Fire safety. The public areas of all units must be equipped wit		\vdash	⊢	
area, of battery-operated or hard-wired smoke detectors. Publi				
community rooms, day care centers, hallways, stairwells, and o				
Agency			_	
Agency Name	Agency Staff Name			
Signature	Date		_	
Tenant (if applicable)				
Name	Date		_	
Signature				
Landlord / Property-owner (if applicable)				
Name	Date		_	



Match

- 25 percent match is required
- Based on the total amount of funds allocated to the local CoC or planning group
- May be met at the community and/or grantee level
- Allowable sources of match are cash, the fair rental value of any donated material or space and any salary paid from local or private sources which, have not otherwise been charged to VHSP



Match

Virginia Homeless Solutions Program (VHSP) Proposed Match Expenditures FY 2019 (Forms must be signed and uploaded in CAMS as a PDF. Handwitten forms will not be accepted)

CoC Name:	
Match Source (See below for examples)	Match Amount
* If using volunteer hours, please specify # of hours	** * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *
ir using volunteer nours, please specify # or nours	" Multiply volunteer hours by \$26.75 per hour
	+
Total	\$0.00
Signature of Authorized Representative	Date
Name and Title of Authorized Representative	
VHSP Match Re	equirements
VHSP funds require a 25 percent match. This is based on the total amo excluding HOPWA funding. The match requirement may be met at the oprograms or services funded by local and private resources as a match government or private) resources may be used to meet this requiremen multiple match requirements. Match resources may include cash, the fallocal or private sources which have not otherwise been charged to VHS CoC or local planning group and specific match sources. As documen https://www.independentsector.org/resource/the-value-of-volunteer-tin Please check the aforementioned website for updates. The Bureau of I determine the value of a specialized skill can be located at the following	community and/or grantee level thereby allowing communities to use for this funding. Only VHSP eligible activities funded by local (local it. Match resources are exclusive and may not be used to meet if rental value of any donated material or space, any salary paid from SP, and volunteer labor. Match must be documented between the ted on the Independent Sector website, net, Virginia's volunteer hourly rate is estimated to be \$26.75. Labor Statistics' hourly wages by occupation that can be used to
the VHSP quidelines for more details.	medake. https://www.bis.gov/oes/culterk/oes_va.nkm. Flease see



Grant Agreements

- VHSP agreement with the lead agency

 VHSP contracts with the grantees identified on the year one request

- Contract dates July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

- Expenditures begin July 1



Required annual training

- -LGBTQ+
- Prohibitions against family separation

https://endhomelessness.org/resource/emergency-shelter/

HUD's Equal Access Rule: What it Is, What's Changed, and What You Need to Know



HOPWA

The Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) program was authorized by the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 and revised under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992, to provide states and localities with the resources and incentives to devise and implement long-term comprehensive strategies for meeting the housing needs of low-income persons with Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and related diseases, and their families.

Activities of primary importance are providing housing assistance and services that assist this population to maintain housing stability where they can maintain complex medication regimens and address HIV/AIDS related problems.



Grant Agreements

- HOPWA agreement with the lead agency

 HOPWA contracts with the grantees identified on the year one request

- Contract dates July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

- Agencies may have more than one HOPWA grant agreement with DHCD simultaneously



HOPWA eligibility

- There are two basic elements of HOPWA eligibility:
 - Household has at least one person who has Acquired Immunodeficiency
 Syndrome (AIDS) or related diseases (Human Immunodeficiency Virus, that is,
 HIV infection). This includes households where the only eligible person is a
 minor. Medical verification of status is required.
 - The household must be at or below 80 percent of Area Median Income (AMI).
 Income limits are available on HUD's website at:
 http://www.huduser.org/DATASETS/il.html. Grantees should use HUD's Section 8 income eligibility standards for HOPWA.



Reports

HOPWA Year-end Reports

- Leveraging Information
- Performance Measures
- Barriers, Trends, and Unmet Needs
- Beneficiaries



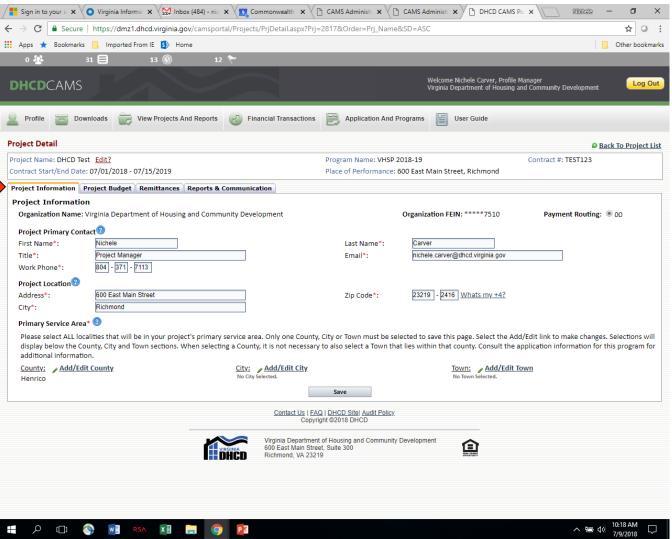
Required training

- HOPWA Oversight Training:
 https://www.hudexchange.info/trainings/hopwa-oversight-training/
- Getting to Work: A Training Curriculum for HIV/AIDS Service Providers and Housing Providers: https://www.hudexchange.info/trainings/dol-hud-getting-to-work-curriculum-for-hiv-aids-providers/
- HOPWA Financial Management Training course: https://www.hudexchange.info/trainings/courses/hud-hopwafinancial-management-online-training/



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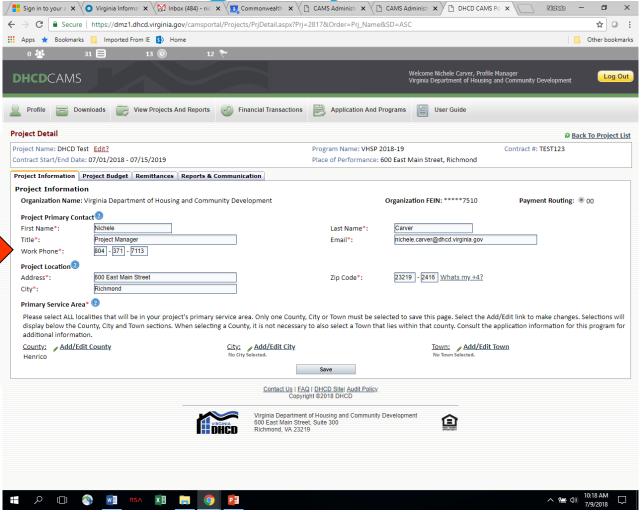
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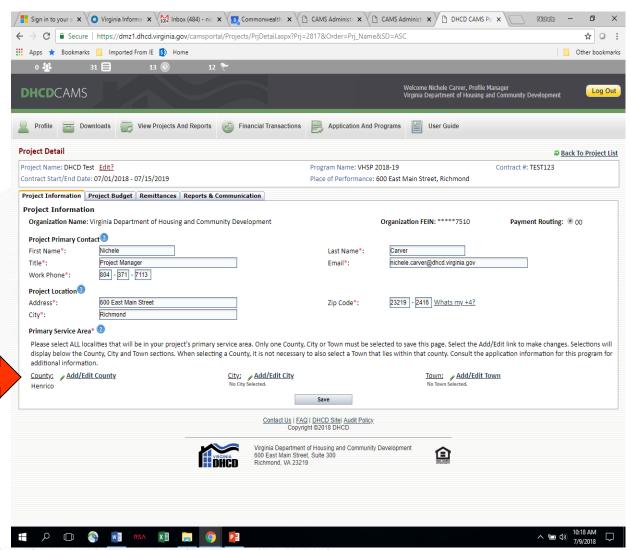
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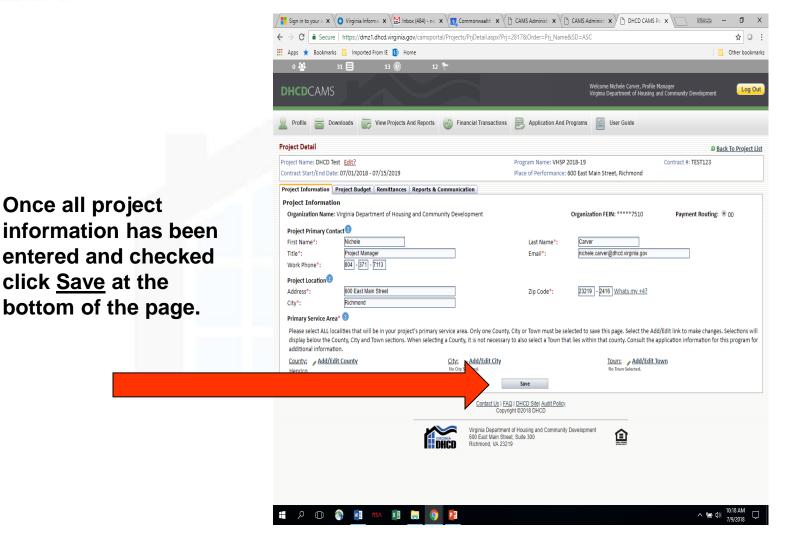
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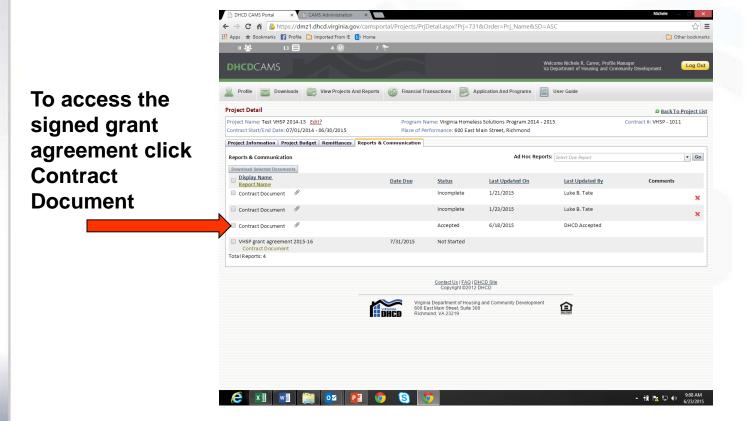
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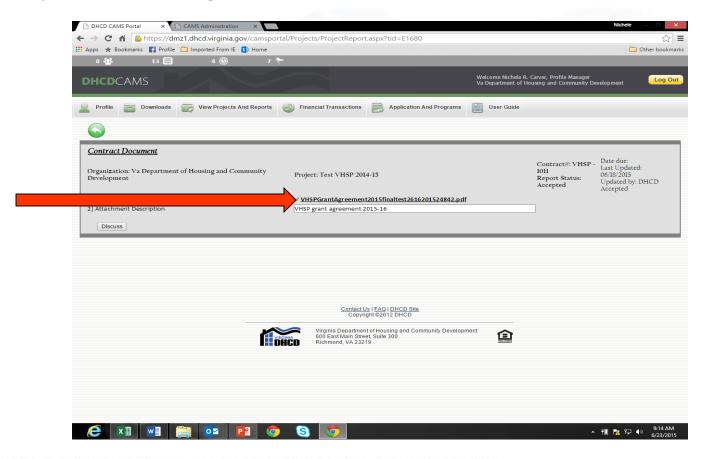
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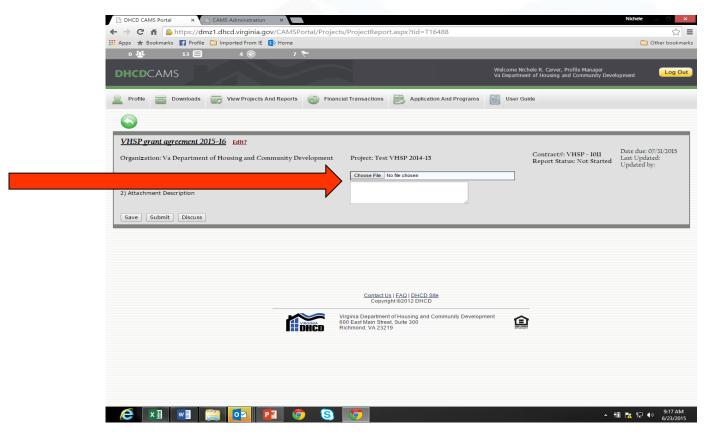
You will then open signed grant agreement and print it for your agency director's signature





Contract in CAMS

Lastly the grant agreement, signed by the agency director, will be uploaded into CAMS.

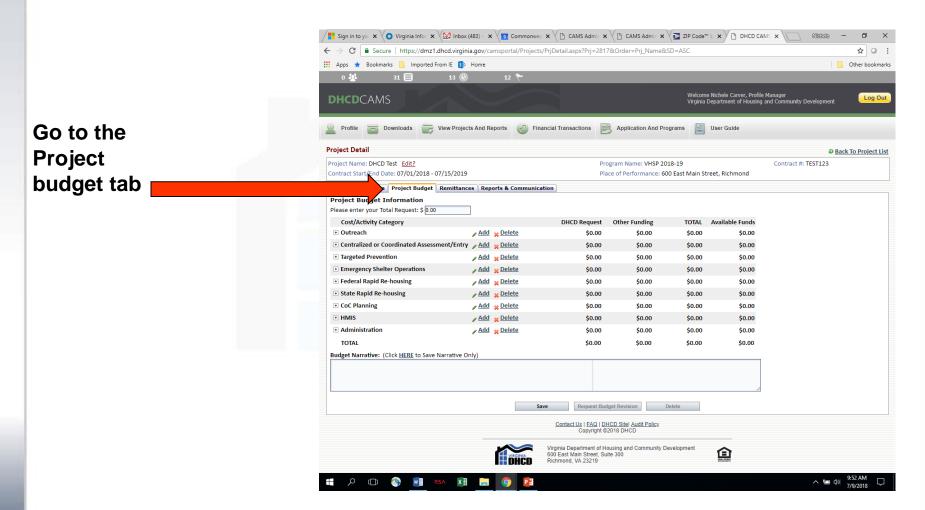




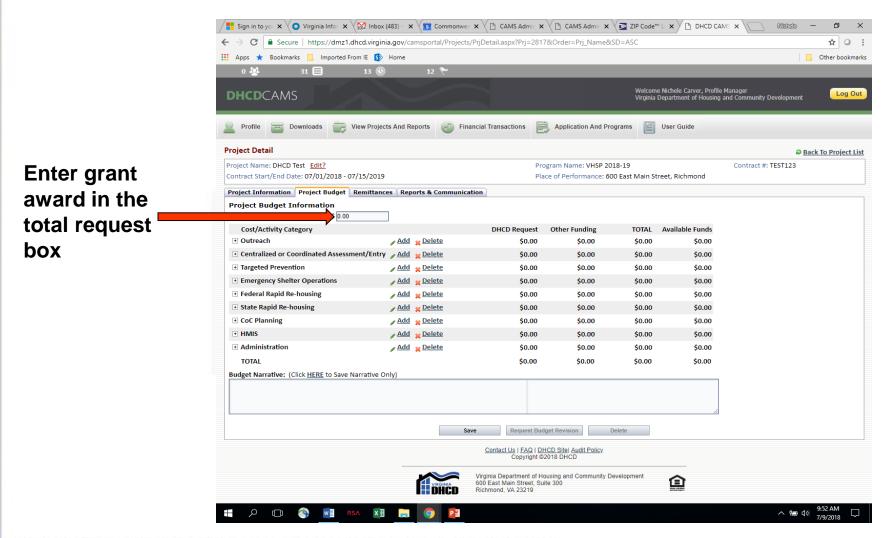
Budget Categories in CAMS

- Outreach
- Federal RRH
- State RRH (includes line items directly related to veterans)
- Emergency Shelter Operations
- Targeted Prevention
- Coordinated Entry/Assessment
- CoC Planning
- HMIS
- Administration

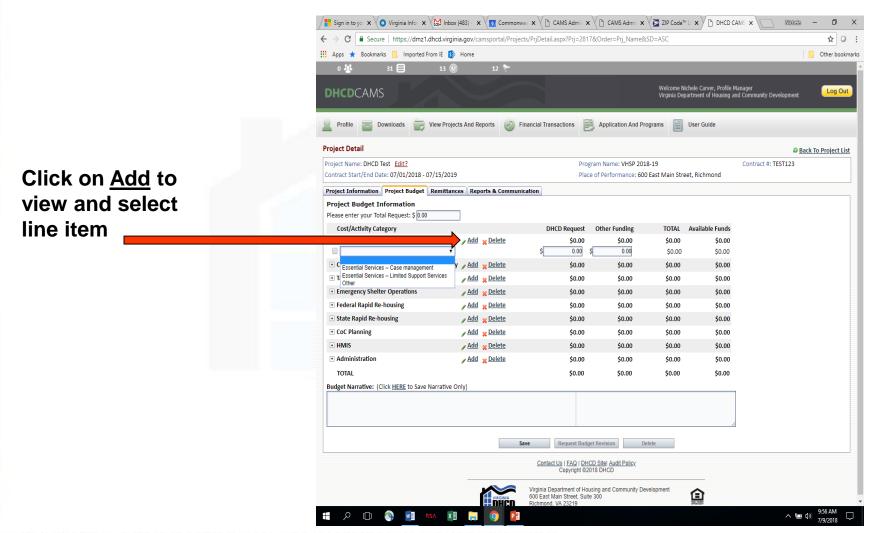




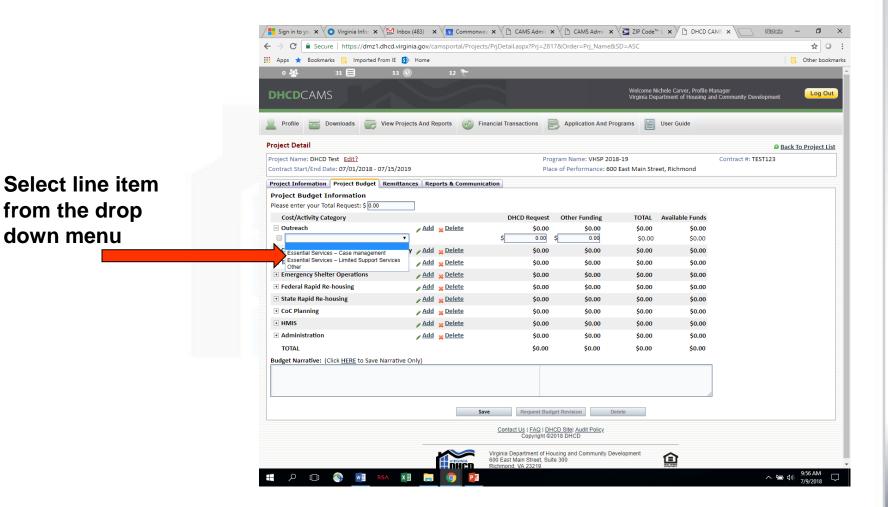






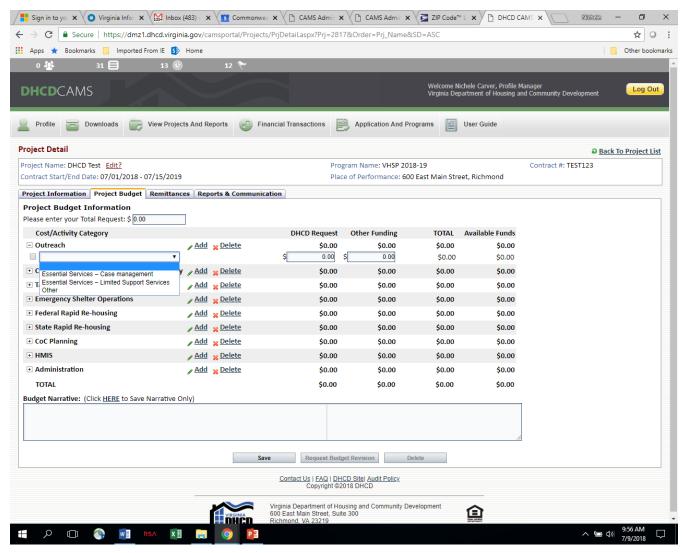






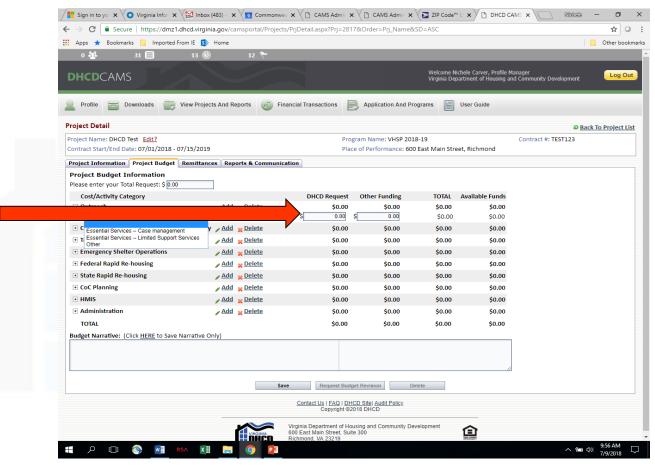


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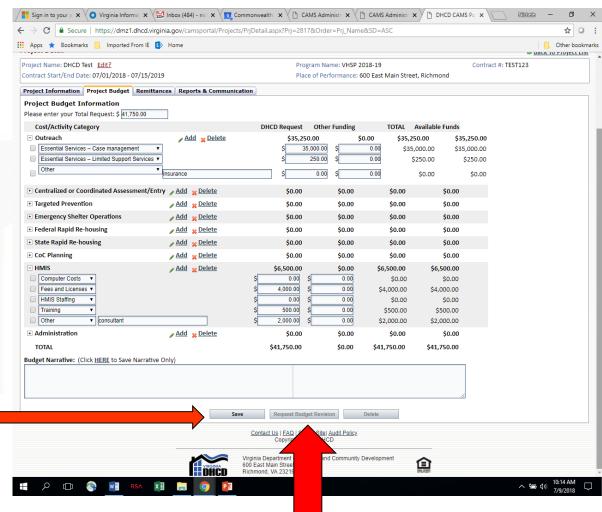


Insert dollar amounts to correspond with line items.
Some line items will remain zero as you may not plan to spend money from every line at this point



Budgets will be denied if each line item has not been dropped down





Once all budget line item detail has been entered click <u>Save</u> at the bottom of the page.

Then click request budget revision



Remittances

- Remittances may be submitted for reimbursement the month following the actual expense. i.e. expenses paid for during the month of Sept. can be submitted anytime between Oct. 1-31.
- Allow 30 days for payment to be deposited from a correct remittance.

Federal RRH has to be expended prior to State RRH

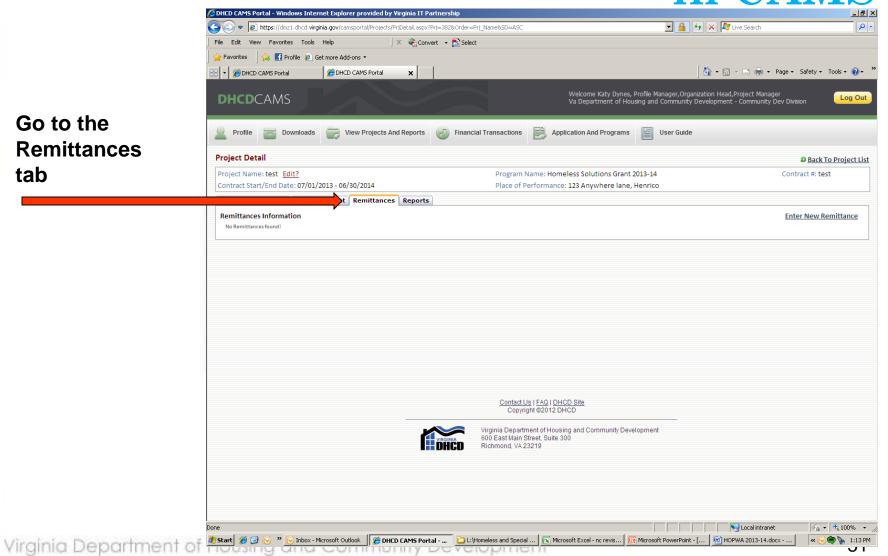
The veteran related line items are to be used when you are providing financial assistance and/or stabilization services to veteran.

Common errors and reasons for denial

- Missing information (check numbers, dates, staff positions)
- Supporting documentation doesn't match CAMS remittance (wrong amounts, wrong activities, dates don't match remittance period)



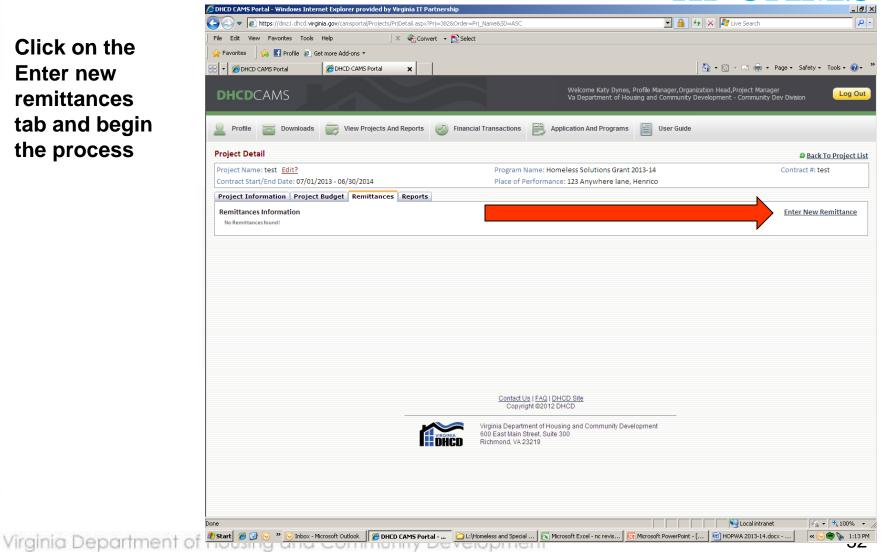
Submitting remittances in CAMS





Submitting remittances in CAMS

Click on the **Enter new** remittances tab and begin the process





Submitting remittances in CAMS

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ayee Name:			Payee		Payment Routing: MAIN			
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Operations			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Federal Rapid Re-housing			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
State Rapid Re-housing			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Prevention/Diversion			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$93,112.00		
Coordinated Entry/Assessme	nt		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
CoC Planning			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
HMIS			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,250.00		
Administration			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,750.00		
TOTAL			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100,112.00		
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Important Dates

CoC/LPG Pre-conference Meeting

Wednesday, November 14, 2018 – Arlington

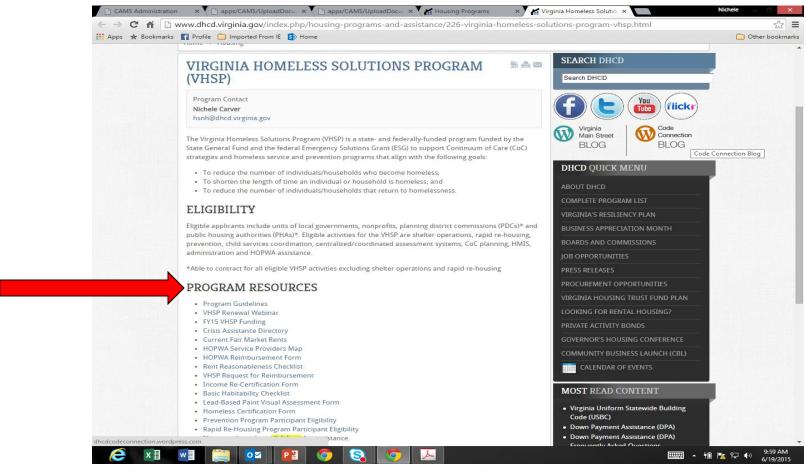
Virginia Governor's Housing Conference

November 14-16, 2018 - Arlington



DHCD Website

www.dhcd.virginia.gov





Questions ????



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